# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

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ENFORCEMENT OF QUALITY STANDARDS
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Consumer Education and Research Centre has urged the Union Government to enforce stringent quality check on sub-standard, unsafe foreign consumer products;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether several foreign companies are dumping their sub-standard products in Indian markets; and

(d) if so, the concrete plan formulated by the Government to check entry of such products?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): As per Para 2.2 of Foreign Trade Policy, every importer, in addition to complying with the provisions of Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act and Foreign Trade Policy, is also required to comply to all domestic laws, rules, orders, regulations, technical specifications, environmental and safety norms as applicable to domestically produced goods. Keeping in view public health and safety, 85 products have so far been brought under mandatory certification of Bureau of Indian Standards. Accordingly, such products have to be compulsorily certified by Bureau of Indian Standards under its Certification Scheme for Foreign Manufacturers to ensure their conformance to quality specifications prescribed in the relevant Indian Standards before the same are imported into India.